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Arch J. McQuilkin, Christian Endeavor's Good Will Ambassador, was an inspiration to Endeavorers around the world. He will never be forgotten by the multitude of young people and adults whose lives he touched.

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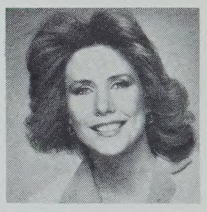

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Our apology to Frances M. Becker for omitting her name as author of the article, "Christian Endeavor's First Family," in the Fall 1982 issue.

The West Virginia Convention, June 20-24, will be held at the Warwood Church in Wheeling, not Warwick, as listed in the calendar.

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Arch J. McQuilkin . . .

A Prince, A Great Man of God, Good Will Ambassador

Arch J. McQuilkin was indeed a prince and a great man of God. When he had lived a full and complete life, the Lord called him home at the age of 83. At the close of a quiet Lord's Day, January 23, 1983, when he had finished his supper at the home of his son-in-law, H. Frank Smith, in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, he bowed his head and said he was tired. His loved ones thought he was asleep, but when they came to arouse him he was gone.

As Enoch of old, Arch walked with God and "he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). In the words of David, when news came to him of the death of his son, "There is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel!" (II Samuel 3:38).

Mr. McQuilkin made his home in Strafford, Pennsylvania. In June 1964 he retired from The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company in Philadelphia. In his more than fifty years of service with the company he advanced from office boy to assistant comptroller, but his real business was to preach Christ.

This good will ambassador for Christian Endeavor was active in the movement from his days as a young lad. From 1963 to 1967 he was the seventh president of the International Society. He also served as assistant to the president, vice-president, and member of the Executive and Finance Committees. He was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, and president of the Old York Road Branch, the Philadelphia Union, and the Pennsylvania Union.

On the world level he was for many years assistant to the treasurer, member of the Executive and Finance Committees, and a trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. He not only held these many offices, but he faithfully attended meetings and took responsibility for duties entrusted to him.

In July 1975 at the convention in Portland, Oregon, the International Society bestowed its highest honor — the International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation — upon Arch, in recognition of his decades of ministry to youth.

Mr. McQuilkin was active in St. John's United Presbyterian Church in Devon, Pennsylvania, where he was an elder. On several occasions he was a commissioner to General Assembly. In 1961 he was a member of the Executive Committee for Billy Graham's Philadelphia Crusade. He served as a member of the National Board of Managers of the Lord's Day Alliance and at the time of his death was general secretary of the Pennsylvania Lord's Day Alliance.

Arch and his wife, Helen, whom he met through Christian Endeavor, were very proud of their two children, the Rev. Robert Warren McQuilkin, a Presbyterian minister in Oswego, Illinois, and the late Ruth Smith, and of their seven grandchildren. Arch and Helen attended many international and world meetings as a team and were beloved by a multitude of friends around the world. He was greatly saddened by her death in 1975.

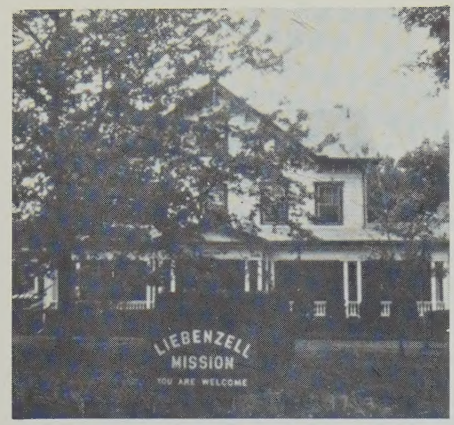
Very popular as a master of ceremonies and as a speaker and conference leader, Arch traveled extensively throughout North America and around the world in the interest of Christian Endeavor. He participated regularly in International Society conventions and activities over the last half-century. In 1963 he visited the Bible Lands and Southern Europe; he took part in Area I Conferences of the World's Union and in World Conventions in Ireland 1966, Canada 1970, Germany 1974, India 1978, Portland, Maine, U.S.A. 1981, and the Second Century Conference in Scotland last summer, which he attended with his granddaughter Amy. He also made an extensive trip around the world.

The memorial service January 27 at St. John's United Presbyterian Church in Devon was conducted by his minister, the Rev. Ernest L. McMillan. in lieu of flowers the family requested memorial gifts be sent to the International Society.

Cast in a slight physical mold, Arch McQuilkin was so filled with a heart of love, motivating faith, and concern for others that the spiritual mold never ceased expanding and has seldom been duplicated. He was gifted with a sense of humor so infectious that it moved crowds around the world to high peaks of hilarity, followed swiftly by a face-to-face meeting with Christ. Who will ever forget one of his lion hunts, his radiant face, or his pointed question frequently asked, "Have you saved any souls today?"

Arch's first and greatest commitment to Christ was through Christian Endeavor. In more than seventy years of continuous service he went from Junior Endeavorer to International President and world leader. His spiritual impact upon youth has been felt around the globe and many date their spiritual birth from the day they met Christ through the personal counsel of Arch McQuilkin.

Arch — great man of God — we loved you.



Liebenzell Mission, Schooley's Mountain, New Jersey

Jerome Fowler leads group singing

Associate President Debbie Witcher and friend

Youth delegates visiting at the dinner table

1982 Board

Opportunities to share ideas and discuss the expansion of Christian Endeavor were highlights of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, held October 14-17, 1982, at the Liebenzell Mission, Schooley's Mountain, New Jersey. Approximately seventy leaders from the United States and Canada participated in these sessions.

The sessions were opened on Thursday evening with a devotional challenge by President Lavern Billig. He stated that as a leader you are a V.I.P. (very important person). A good leader is: **T**enacious, **E**nthusiastic, **A**mbitious, and **M**erry. This spells TEAM and each is a part of the leadership team of Christian Endeavor, and we should respond by demonstrating these characteristics in our lives.

Meditations on Friday and Saturday morning were presented by Debbie Witcher, associate president of the International Society, and Luisa Padilla, a trustee from New York state.

Rev. Richard Cattermole, administrative secretary of the Evangelical Congregational Church shared thoughts on the importance of the Christian Endeavor Pledge. He remarked that we should not expect young people to take the Pledge unless we have taken it seriously and they see it reflected in our lives. He said that we should be: (1) willing to be used, (2) willing to be useful, (3) willing to be made able, and (4) willing to respond.

Elwood Kirschner, field secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, presented ideas for effective field work. He pointed out that it is necessary to discern (1) who you visit, (2) why you visit, (3) when you visit (or not visit), (4) where you visit, and (5) who does the visiting. He stressed the importance of getting to the right people at the right time with the right information.

Information about the Seattle 83 Convention was shared by Rev. Ralph Robrahn, program chairman, and Steve and Debbie Jacobson, local committee co-chairmen. Rev. Charles Barner, general secretary of the International Society, presented information on the 1983 Fellowship Tour to be held in conjunction with the 57th International Convention.

A highlight of the meetings was the banquet held on Friday evening. Barbara Dority served as emcee and Rev. Philip Assink delivered the message. Both are vice-presidents of the International Society. Using Ephesians 4:11-13, Phil spoke of Christian Endeavor as a tool for equipping the saints for ministry and then shared several ideas on ways in which Christian Endeavor equips young people while serving as an effective tool in the program of the local church.

Dr. LaVerne Boss, a former president of the International Society, presented the financial needs and reported that the Finance Committee has set a goal of $4,000 in cash and pledges to be raised at the banquet. Commitments were received by the Finance Committee and a total of

Meeting Highlights

$810 in cash and $3,525 in pledges were received toward the 1982 Budget. An additional $2,350 was pledged toward the 1983 Budget.

Don Vespremi, a member of the Educational Committee, led a presentation on ways of using our Christian Endeavor resources. Following several humorous skits showing ways that Christian Endeavor materials should not be used, he gave several illustrations for more effective ways of using our materials. He pointed out that we need to know what is available, make certain that the materials get to the proper person, and that the proper development of the resources into effective meetings and programs is vital.

A presentation on ways to promote the program of Christian Endeavor in the local area was directed by Mary Moffitt, a member of the Executive Committee. She suggested that often we do not use the tools available in promoting Christian Endeavor. Illustrations using THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD were given as examples. Too often we do not keep Christian Endeavor in front of the people we are in contact with. It is important as Christian Endeavor leaders that we be informed of what is going on in Christian Endeavor and share this information in our state and local areas.

On Saturday evening a Christian Endeavor meeting was conducted by the youth delegates. A discussion on the Christian Endeavor Pledge was followed by the development of television commercials on various phrases of the Pledge.

This time was closed with a brief explanation of the Christian Endeavor Pledge by Julie Simpson, president of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union.

Each session included reports of state and provincial union activities by leaders representing the various unions. Events of the past year along with upcoming activities were shared with the trustees highlighting the scope and diversification of the Christian Endeavor movement within the International Society.

A discussion on the activities of the World's Union included a report by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows of the Second Century Conference. They also shared some of the procedures and problems inherent with the nomination and election of World's Union officers in order to make it representative of all areas of the world.

At the closing session members of the Board were divided into five buzz groups to discuss various aspects of the work of Christian Endeavor: (1) Ways to Witness, (2) Field Work, (3) How to Celebrate Christian Endeavor Week, (4) Items to Carry in the Publishing Department, and (5) Promotion and Publicity. Ideas and suggestions were then shared with the entire Board.

Dates for the 1983 meeting of the Board are October 13-16 in Columbus, Ohio.

International Society Trustees

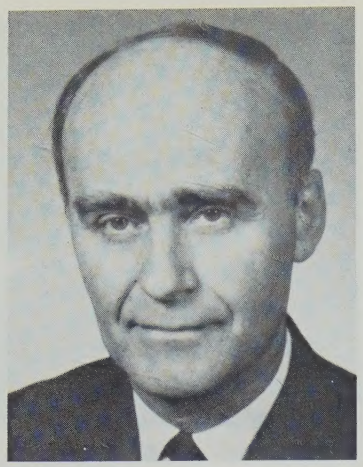
Luisa Padilla leading devotions

Two presidents share ideas — Debbie Witcher and Lavern Billig

Trustees participating in a business session

Eight Eventful Years

by Arno Pagel



When I review the eight years in which I was privileged to wear the chain of the Christian Endeavor World's Union President — I recall what a rich and blessed time it was in my life! I well remember when in the early seventies some members of the Nominating Committee functioning at that time contacted me. They put to me an unexpected question — could they suggest my name as a candidate for the office of president as successor to our beloved friend and brother, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows. And as a result, I became the first non-American president in the history of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

This task which I never had dreamed of has enriched and stamped my life in an unforeseen and unusual extent. It included trips to many parts of the world and it caused me to find dear friends and brothers of many races, nations, and languages. I have had the privilege of seeing that by God's grace Christian Endeavor is still a living movement in many places and that it is being used by the Lord to bring many people of many countries to His saving knowledge and then train them for His service.

I met Endeavorers in free, happy, and wealthy circumstances witnessing for the Lord with absolute liberty. But I was still more deeply impressed by those Christians who in needy and even dangerous situations are standing for Christ and going forward in His work. I have those Armenian Endeavorers in my heart and memory whom I found after much asking and searching in the ruins of the Lebanese capital. They told me that none of their meetings had been cancelled although sometimes it was extremely perilous to assemble. In the worst and darkest days of their Civil War, and all the other bloody conflicts which have afflicted that unfortunate country of Lebanon, our faithful Endeavorers were looking for strength and encouragement when they met for Bible lecture and prayer.

As often as possible I traveled to those friends of ours who are living in communist controlled countries where there no longer is an organized Christian Endeavor movement. In East Germany loosely structured groups without any membership requirements are working on the principles of Christian Endeavor as their fathers and mothers did when Christian Endeavor as an organization was successful and prosperous. In other countries even such groups are not permitted by the authorities, and our Christian friends risk secret and underground meetings. I met one brother who had been jailed for eight years. He told me that this had been a dark and temptation-filled period for Him. He was not allowed to write to his family or receive any letters from his loved ones during six of those years. I was deeply moved to hear his witness: "I have forgiven with my whole heart those who caused me so much suffering and have done me so much wrong. I praise the Lord who fulfilled His promise and was with me at every moment and overcame my weakness by His strength."

How inspiring it was to make a visit to South Korea. Christian Endeavor is extremely strong in number and spirit in that Asian country. The Endeavorers questioned me to find out if the worldwide movement is really evangelical and fundamental in doctrine, faith, prayer, and missionary activity as they honestly can testify of their own societies. Where else in the world do Christian Endeavor members meet for earnest prayer and Bible study at five in the morning?

Finally, a short glimpse at Nigeria. Christian Endeavor is growing very rapidly in this West African country. I was invited to speak to a newly-founded society in a remote village church. When I entered the building I discovered it was packed with people. They were standing, sitting on benches, or stretched out on the muddy ground. The latter ones were sick men and women who asked me to pray that the Lord would restore their health. They believed in the power of prayer and in the Lord who is the good physician for both spiritual and physical disease. Thus the Christian Endeavor meeting turned into a healing service. We did not assail the Lord with our vehement demand: "You must heal at any case." No, we said with patience and confidence, "Lord, you *can* heal and restore if it is your divine will. Your will shall be done also with these poor and sick people." It was an unforgettable rally.

And these were eight unforgettable years for me. I shall never cease to love worldwide Christian Endeavor, to pray for the movement, and to serve it when and where the Lord will lead and use me. My love and confidence will go with my successor, Rev. James Murdoch of Scotland. I am certain that he will find open doors in his years of service just as I had the privilege to find them in my eight eventful years.

Christian Endeavor Sermon Contest

Winners of the Christian Endeavor Sermon Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. David G. Jackson, executive secretary.

Awards were presented to pastors who preached a sermon during 1982 on the importance of the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

The first award was presented to **Rev. William W. Weiser,** pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, for his sermon entitled, *A Pledge of Excellence,* presented to his congregation in the morning worship service on Sunday, November 7. Rev. Weiser received an award of $100 in cash.

Second place was awarded to **David P. Nolte,** pastor of the Eastside Christian Church, Albany, Oregon, who delivered a sermon, *Marks of Christian Character,* in his morning worship service, October 10. He received a cash award of $75.

Rev. William Bengtson, pastor of the Woodstock Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York, received a cash award of $50 for third place honors. His sermon, *A Pledge to Discipleship,* was preached on Sunday, November 14, at the Woodstock Church.

Runners-up were:

Richard T. Bryson, pastor, Oak Street United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio

Richard Forbes, Jr., pastor, Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia

Timothy J. Kribs, pastor, Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon

Mark A. Lamport, pastor, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Pennsylvania

David Smith, pastor of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee

Judges for the entries were: Rev. Clair Beatty, a retired United Presbyterian minister, Miamisburg, Ohio; Larry W. Clark, a systems engineer, Chemical Abstracts Service, Columbus, Ohio; and Mrs. Earl (Patty) Todt, a housewife, Columbus, Ohio.

Christian Endeavor Living Memorials

Living memorials offer an opportunity to express love and appreciation for lives of departed friends or loved ones. It also is a means of showing tribute to them while making an investment in the lives of young people today.

Through the gift of memorials to Christian Endeavor, you continue support for a movement that has meant much to an individual during his lifetime. In lieu of sending flowers why not take the opportunity to make a living memorial to Christian Endeavor as a tribute to one who has finished his course and entered into the rest of the Lord.

To give a living memorial send contributions with the name of the person to be remembered to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the contributor.

During 1982 the International Society received memorial gifts honoring the following individuals.

Mrs. Charles W. (Marietta) Barner
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Mrs. Frank P. (Pauline) Wilson

In Memorium
MRS. GEORGE CAMPBELL

Endeavorers were saddened to learn of the death March 1 of Mrs. George (Helen) Campbell, wife of the general secretary of the Scottish Christian Endeavor Union. A memorial service was held at the Hope Hall Mission, Paisley, Scotland, March 4.

Mrs. Campbell will be long remembered as a gracious hostess for the Second Century Conference and a member of the *Scottish Endeavour Singers,* who toured eastern United States prior to the Festival of Hope Convention.

A Pledge of Excellence

Rev. William W. Weiser

Advertising is a complex, competitive business. Sometimes the ads are serious, sometimes funny, and other times ludicrous. For example, we are in the midst of a war today. Not in Poland, or in Southeast Asia, or even in Central America. Right here in Reading . . . we are in the midst of a vast war: Which Burger is better? Is it Wendy's . . . Hardees . . . Burger King . . . or McDonald's? Even Roy Rogers has pulled the trigger this weekend and is trying to lasso the public into his Burger Palace with a special offer where you combine with him in building the best burger in town!

Older commercials used to be based upon intelligence, product quality and integrity. For example, do you remember "the quality goes in before the name goes on," used by a manufacturer of television sets? The implication was that the set had to meet specific standards and tests before the good name of the company was allowed to be associated with the product. Another slogan was, "The mark of excellence," which again was a guarantee that the manufacturer was willing to stake his good reputation on a certain product.

This morning I want to speak to you about a very important product . . . one of the most needed resources in our church . . . neighborhood . . . nation . . . and world today. That product is Christian youth!

Christian Endeavor is the recognized youth program of the Evangelical Congregational Church. Many of you people present this morning have been nurtured and trained in Christian Endeavor. You are active today because of your roots in Christian Endeavor training.

For those who are new to the E.C. Church or have not had the privilege of being trained in C.E., let me introduce you to Christian Endeavor. Christian Endeavor is an international, interdenominational, interracial youth movement. The C.E. motto, "For Christ and the Church," is founded upon four basic principles:

1. Confession of Christ as Savior
2. Service for Christ
3. Loyalty to Christ's Church
4. Fellowship with Christ's people

This year begins the second century of Christian Endeavor . . . and they are celebrating with a renewed emphasis upon the Christian Endeavor Pledge. A pledge is a promise or agreement by which one binds oneself to do or refrain from doing something. Earlier in our service this morning we reverently repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to our country, as part of our way of recognizing, honoring, and remembering our veterans who have protected our country and defended our freedoms. This morning I would recommend to each one of you for consideration the Christian Endeavor Pledge . . . A Pledge of Excellence.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support the work and worship of my own church in every way possible; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life."

Now let's take a closer look at the pledge. As we dissect the pledge for easier understanding, we discover five distinct segments.

I. TRUSTING IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR STRENGTH . . .

God knows that it is impossible to live the Christian life in our own strength. He has not created us and placed us here to flounder for ourselves in a sink-or-swim situation. Rather, He has promised us the resources of His Strength. In Psalm 37:5 David writes, "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Again in Psalm 121:1 we read, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Solomon, the son of David and the wisest man ever to live said, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding . . ." (Proverbs 3:5). God has promised us the resource of His strength. Our part is to trust Him. When you came into church this morning, I venture to say that not a single one of you gave a second thought when you sat down that the pew would not hold you. You expected . . . you trusted that wooden piece of furniture to support your weight. The first segment of the Christian Endeavor Pledge affirms our absolute trust in Jesus

Christ to supply us with extraordinary strength to live the Christian life.

II. I PROMISE HIM THAT I WILL STRIVE TO DO WHATEVER HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ME DO . . .

In the second segment of the C.E. Pledge, I promise Him . . . I pledge myself . . . I bind myself, make a commitment to Him and dedicate, consecrate myself, to live in such a way that will be pleasing and honoring to Him. In Proverbs 3:6 we are admonished, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Now you know why I didn't complete that when I quoted from Proverbs 3:5 a few minutes ago. To strive to do what He desires means we must acknowledge Him . . . and know what He expects of us. Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33). Just as in tithing, you give God of the first ten percent, before your other obligations are cared for, trusting that God will by faith meet the remainder of your needs. So you need to give God in time, service and devotion, not what is left over, but the prime and choice portions of your life and energies. Leftovers will never be adequate for God . . . He deserves the best we have. That is why Romans 12:1 and 2 have become synonomous with Christian Endeavor, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." In this second leg of the Christian Endeavor Pledge we promise to abide and live by His standards.

III. THAT I WILL MAKE IT THE RULE OF MY LIFE TO PRAY AND TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY . . .

It sounds so trite . . . to pray and read your Bible every day. As a young pastor I used to counsel people with problems to pray and read their Bible every day . . . and it sounded so simple and like such pat advice. But there really is no other way to know God's will for your life. Now let me emphasize two very important words in this vow . . . "every day!" You are binding yourself and committing yourself to make this a priority. If you are in love with someone and are separated from your sweetheart by distance and for a long period of time, I guarantee you there are two things you look forward to with anticipation. One is to get a telephone call from that very special person. To talk on the phone . . . to hear that special voice . . . to share sweet moments together in conversation. Not only does Ma Bell thank you, but so does your sweetheart. The second thing you will look forward to is mail call. You enjoy receiving letters from that loved one . . . which you can read, and reread . . . and even read between the lines, as you communicate with your Loved One and they with you. The United States Postal System thanks you for your regular twenty-cent investments . . . and even more so does your Special Person thank you for your investment in time to write. I would suggest to you this morning that prayer is the toll-free, never-busy signal line of communication that is open to God every minute of every day and night. And the Bible is God's love letter to you; which never comes late or with postage due . . . because its message has been paid in full by the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on Calvary. This portion of the C.E. Pledge reminds us that we need to keep the lines of communication open with God *every day.*

IV. AND TO SUPPORT THE WORK AND WORSHIP OF MY OWN CHURCH IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE;

Christian Endeavor does not compete with the church; but rather works hand in hand with the church and with the family; forming a partnership to train and develop our youth into responsible Christian young people. They need this cooperative assistance to grow and mature as Christian individuals, as well as to become potential leaders in the church. Whether they enter some phase of full-time Christian work or are called to be a full-time Christian layperson, the home, the church, and Christian Endeavor serve as a team, putting the "quality in before the name of 'Christian' goes on" the product of our youth. I used to love coming home from our C.E. Youth retreats because the evening service was scheduled as a time of songs, testimonies, and messages of how God was working in our youth. The program was extemporaneous . . . we expected God's blessing to be evidenced . . . and the enthusiasm of His fresh touch was contagious. Loyalty to the worship and work of the church has been eroded today by television, peer pressure, social involvements, homework, school activities, and social priorities. If there is nothing better to do, young people may opt to go to Christian Endeavor or church activities. In the Christian Endeavor Pledge, we promise to put "first things first" . . . and the church becomes a priority in building our relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Christian Endeavor Week

GEORGIA

The Varick Christian Endeavor Day Program of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church was held on January 23. The highlight of the program was a debate between the youth of the host church and the Senior/Young People's group from St. Mark's United Methodist Church on the issue, "Prayer in the Public School System — Should it or Should it not be a Requirement? Special music was presented by the Children's Choir of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. Approximately 100 persons participated in the program.

On January 30, the Senior/Youth group conducted the morning worship service with the young people being responsible for the entire service.

On February 6, Christian Endeavor Day was highlighted in the Sunday school worship program. Mrs. Gloria Dasher, president of the Varick Christian Endeavor Society, presented a paper on the first Christian Endeavor meeting. The various sections of the Pledge were passed out to individuals who were asked to read that portion and then share what it meant to him or her personally.

GOLDEN RULE

Approximately 100 Endeavorers of the Golden Rule Union gathered at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church on January 28 for a time of fun and fellowship to begin their Christian Endeavor Week celebration. Vinette Saunders, chairman of the activities, with assistance from Monique Barbour and Jerri Fowler, led the group in games of human bingo, a paper clip relay, balloon relay, Bible memory verses, and a penny foot toss. Both the young in heart and young in age enjoyed the evening activities. Ruth Hammett, president of the union, was responsible for a varied food menu, which brought the evening activities to an enjoyable conclusion.

Since 1968, the First Baptist Church, Georgetown, has begun local Christian Endeavor Week activities with the youth sponsoring the morning worship service of the church. On January 30, the Angelic Choir, the Young Adult Choir, and members of the Youth Encounter Christian Endeavor Society participated in the service. A member of the Youth Encounter presented the morning message.

The 102nd Anniversary Banquet was held at the Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church on Saturday, February 5. According to Mrs. Vivian M. Saunders, financial secretary of the Union, 292 persons gathered for a celebration of fun, fellowship, and good food. Toastmaster for the evening was Karl Halter, formerly a member of the German Christian Endeavor Union. Lindell Norman presented the Youth Witness. Rev. Wesley W. Bowden, the newly appointed pastor of the host church, delivered an inspiring message. An offering for the International Society in memory of Arch McQuilkin.

MARYLAND

On February 5, the Alumni of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union held a luncheon at the Venice Inn of Hagerstown marking the 102nd anniversary of the birth of Christian Endeavor. George Williams reported that 38 Endeavorers were present representing Baltimore, Washington, and the Hagerstown area of the state. An offering in memory of Arch McQuilkin was received.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Christian Endeavor Week celebration for the Varick's Christian Endeavor Society of St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church began Sunday January 30 with the "Buds" presenting special music for the morning worship service. Mrs. Lillie Smith, sponsor of the group, reported that many youth were in attendance and the pastor's message was directed especially to the young people.

On February 3, a meeting was held which re-emphasized the history, principles, and purposes of the Christian Endeavor society, followed by a time of games and refreshments.

The all male chorus of Araphoe was again a highlight of the Sunday evening service on February 6. An installation service for officers and sponsors was held and Angeline Boone and Gary Meadows were named Miss and Mr. V.C.E. respectively for the second year.

VIRGINIA

On Friday, February 4, Endeavorers from the Disputanta, Petersburg, Prince George, and Richmond areas celebrated the 102nd birthday of Christian Endeavor with a banquet and special program at Third Presbyterian Church in Petersburg. 72 persons, ranging in age from 7 to 90, participated. Mrs. Phyllis (Brown) Doyle presented the cake for this special occasion.

A fun time with all taking part in a skit led by the Prince George Christian Endeavorers was followed by special music presented by the three pastors present — Rev. William R. Dunaway, Rev. W.R. Floyd and Rev. E. Cecil Smith. Endeavorers from the Bethelehem Congregational Church presented information on the Virginia Christian Endeavor Convention, followed by reports of the work of the various societies.

A memorial service for Arch McQuilkin was directed by Phyllis Doyle who recalled his love and work for Christ and Christian Endeavor.

Lincoln Stephenson, a long-time Endeavorer from Richmond delivered a message on the theme, "Hope Through Christ," challenging all present to go out from here and do the work God has for each of us to do.

An offering in memory of Arch McQuilkin was received for the work of the International Society.

Mrs. Cecil Slaughter from Petersburg, served as chairman for the birthday celebration.

WEST VIRGINIA

A birthday banquet for the Tuscarora Community Christian Endeavor was held at the Tuscarora Presbyterian Church of Martinsburg on February 5. A local high school musical group, which includes two members of the local Christian Endeavor society, provided special music for the occasion. Carola Stephens reported that approximately 200 participated in this event.

The society also observed Christian Endeavor Day in the morning worship service with 105 present.

OREGON

The Oregon Union held a Christian Endeavor celebration February 4-5. Registrations began Friday at 7:30 p.m. followed by a skit with young people from the Suburban Christian Church. Dana Lawrence served as the song leader and David Gagne was the guest speaker. The film, *An Ordinary Guy,* was shown Saturday morning and a Christian Endeavor birthday party was the highlight of the afternoon program. The activity closed with the traditional Friendship Circle at 3 p.m. More than 100 Endeavorers attended the activity.

1983 Society Roll Call

Societies and unions which have become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor through financial support of $25 or more during the first two months of 1983 (January-February) are listed here. Each of these groups has received an enrollment certificate. Those groups which have contributed $100 or more have received a gold seal certificate.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by state and province. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

GOLD SEAL

Alabama Christian Endeavor Union
Adult Christian Endeavor, First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.
Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union of Washington, D.C.
Illinois Christian Endeavor Union
Maryland Christian Endeavor Union
First Reformed Church of Grandville, Grandville, Michigan
North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio
Good Samaritan Church (Reformed Church in America), Gahanna, Ohio
Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon
Federated Church of East Springfield, East Springfield, Pennsylvania
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Texas Christian Endeavor Union
Westminster Presbyterian Church in America, Roanoke, Virginia
Christian Church of New Cumberland, New Cumberland, West Virginia
Adult Christian Endeavor, New Dundee United Brethren in Christ Church, New Dundee, Ontario

HONOR GROUPS

Youth Encounter Christian Endeavor, First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.
Mokuiakua Young Peoples Christian Endeavor, Mokuiakaua Congregational Church (UCC), Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union
Junior Christian Endeavor, First Reformed Church, Zeeland, Michigan
Church School Literature Department, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
Varick's Christian Endeavor, St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, Maysville, North Carolina
Pleasant Grove Community Church, Belleville, Ohio
West Second Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Seventh Day Baptist Church, Galena, Ohio
Oregon Christian Endeavor Union
Blakely Primitive Methodist Church, Blakely, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor Societies, St. Jacob's (Stone) Church, Brodbecks, Pennsylvania
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor Societies, North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
Adult Christian Endeavor, St. David's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor Societies, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Luzerne County (PA) Christian Endeavor Alumni Association
Senior High Christian Endeavor, Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania
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Women's Guild, Emanuel United Church of Christ, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni Society of Christian Endeavor, St. Paul's Episcopal Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior Christian Endeavor, St. Luke's Evangelical Congregational Church, Shillington, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor Societies, Fifth Street United Brethren Church, Staunton, Virginia
Christian Endeavor Societies, Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church, Poulsbo, Washington
Christian Endeavor Societies, Elm Grove Christian Church, Elm Grove, West Virginia
Grace United Brethren in Christ Church, Sherkston, Ontario

Seattle 83

More than 2,000 Christian Endeavor young people and their leaders from North America and American Samoa will gather on the campus of Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983, for the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention. This is the first time the Samoan Endeavorers have been a part of the International Convention.

Rev. James Murdoch

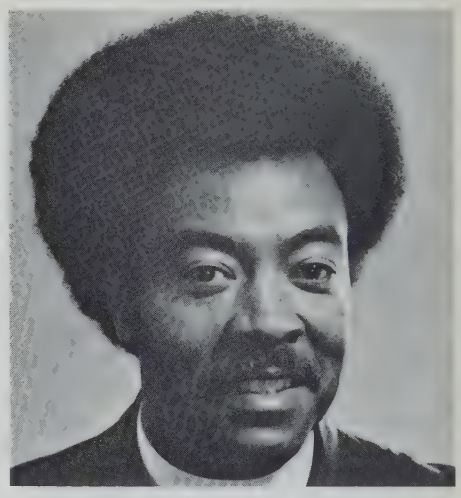
The keynote speaker, Rev. James Murdoch, Scotland, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will challenge the delegates with a message on the convention theme, "Lord Our Vision Enlarge," the opening night, July 4th. Mr. Murdoch brings a rich background of Christian Endeavor experience to the convention. He served as president of the Scottish Christian Endeavor Union in 1957-58; president of the British Union, 1961-62; and as vice-president of the World's Union, 1974-82. He received the Presidential Chain of the World's Union from his predecessor in office, Rev. Arno Pagel, at the Second Century Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, Monday, August 9, 1982. His interest in the movement has taken him into countries around the world in recent years. Rev. Murdoch is an ordained minister of the Baptist Church in Scotland.

The Tuesday evening speaker, Joni Eareckson Tada, will share in spoken word and song the need for commitment in life. In June of 1967 at the age of 17 Joni took a reckless dive into the Chesapeake Bay which left her paralyzed from the shoulders down without the use of her hands or legs. Hospitalized for two years she began developing a latent artistic talent by sketching with a pen held between her teeth.

Joni Eareckson Tada

Joni's story and artwork became the subject of many articles. Her story was told in the book, JONI, released in 1976. As a result of the book, the author received thousands of letters from readers who identified with her bouts of depression, despair, and loneliness. This led to the publishing of a second book, A STEP FURTHER, dealing with questions raised on the subject of suffering.

Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett, Jr., Director of Youth Ministry for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, will be the Wednesday evening speaker. He has a rich background in the field of education receiving the Master of Education degree from Wayne State University and serving five years as a teacher in the Detroit school system.



Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett has served pastorates in the A.M.E. Zion Church in three states beginning in 1965 and is currently pastor of the Martin Temple Church in Chicago, Illinois. He earned the Doctor of Ministries degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1982.

He is a trustee of the Internatonal Society of Christian Endeavor and served as a vice-president of the International Society from 1977 to 1981. Dr. Jarrett was a featured speaker at the Area I meeting of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Guatemala City in 1980 and at the Second Century Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, August 6-9, 1982.

Dr. Anthony Campolo

An outstanding speaker at youth gatherings throughout the North American continent, Dr. Anthony Campolo will be the featured speaker at the Thursday and Friday mass rallies. He serves as chairman of the Department of Sociology and Youth Ministries at Eastern College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Regent College of the University of British Columbia, and is a Staley Distinguished Scholar.

An ordained Baptist minister. Dr. Campolo has pastored churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is founder and president of a corporation involved in education, medical and economic programs in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Niger. He serves as president and executive director of Youth Guidance of Southeastern Pennsylvania, a program serving problem urban youth.

A graduate of Eastern College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Campolo received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Temple University. His most recent book is THE SUCCESS FANTASY.

Delegates to the convention will be able to rap with the evening speakers or listen to contemporary musical groups during the late night special, a time for varied activities following each evening rally.

Each morning daily sessions will begin with Quiet Hour devotional periods from 8:30 to 9 for each age group, followed by two Growth Group sessions from 9:10 to 9:55 and 10:05 to 10:50. One session will deal with Christian Endeavor basics and the second with practical Christian living.

The General Assembly from 11 to 12 noon will include fun time, special music, sharing information, and challenge. Activities for Juniors are prepared each day from 8:30 to 12 noon.

Special guests from Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Netherlands, Nigeria, and Northern Ireland are expected to attend and participate in the convention program.

A Pledge of Excellence

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V. AND THAT JUST SO FAR AS I KNOW HOW, THROUGHOUT MY WHOLE LIFE, I WILL ENDEAVOR TO LEAD A CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Notice the permanence of the commitment the C.E. Pledge evokes. It involves the entire maturing process from birth as a Christian to the end of life. It means going from being spoon fed to graduating to eating meat in spiritual things. It means that when you get "too old" for an organized local Christian Endeavor group in your church (although there is no mandate against an adult C.E. society and some churches do provide one), you will still pray every day . . . read the Bible every day . . . attend church regularly . . . maintain a healthy devotional life . . . present your tithes . . . and use your talents . . . all for the Glory of God, as long as He gives you breath. The Christian Endeavor Pledge means you will do what He wants you to do . . . go where He wants you to go . . . live as He wants you to live . . . as long as you live!

These then are the five basic segments involved in the Christian Endeavor Pledge. However, let me caution you before you adopt this as your way of life, as I read again the words of our Scripture lesson this morning, which were read so well from the Living Bible by Betsy, taken from Ecclesiastes 5:4-6,

"So when you talk to God and vow to Him that you will do something, don't delay in doing it, for God has no pleasure in fools. Keep your promise to Him. It is far better not to say you'll do something than to say you will and then not do it. In that case, your mouth is making you sin."

It is a sin to make a promise to God and then not fulfill it. To make a pledge and fail to meet your obligations makes a fool of yourself, and God will not be able to honor you. When Ananias and Sapphira failed to fulfill a commitment they had made (Acts 5:1-11) God dealt swiftly with them, for failing to keep their promise.

If we voluntarily make a Pledge of Allegiance to our country; or a husband and wife pledge their love and loyalty to each other (as Pattisue and Barry did yesterday); or a mother and father pledge to provide a Christian home and atmosphere in raising their daughter (as Paul and Ann did earlier in this service); or if a group of people, whether they be youth or adults, adopt the Christian Endeavor Pledge, they all have one thing in common. It is serious business to pledge, vow or promise to do something . . . you are binding yourself to do something!

I recommend each one here this morning to consider the five parts of the Christian Endeavor Pledge as a stimulus to personal growth in discipleship. But remember, it is a promise. God will hold you accountable. I recommend to you the Christian Endeavor Pledge — A Pledge of Excellence!

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The *Century Club,* started in 1980, consists of persons who contribute $100 or more annually to the ministry of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. (These are gifts received and recorded through our regular channels of giving such as membership, direct gift, and memorial contributions.)

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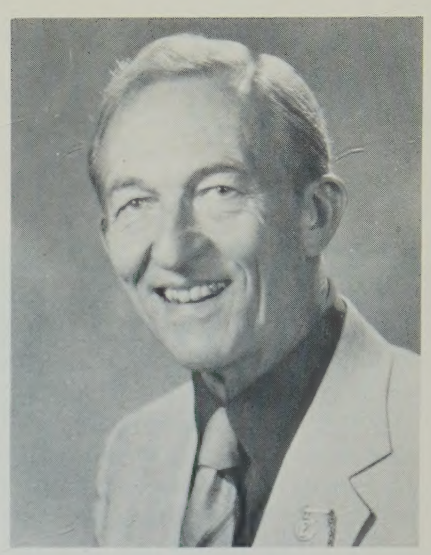

by Lavern Billig

I like it when someone says to me, "Have a good day." One way to be assured of having a good day is by starting out with a quiet time. In Christian Endeavor it is called the Quiet Hour, although it is not meant to be an hour in length. The Quiet Hour Covenant says, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make it the rule of my life to set apart at least fifteen minutes every day, if possible in the early morning, for quiet meditation and direct communion with God." From personal experience I know that this is a wonderful way to begin the day.

Meditation is so important in the life of the Christian. In the pamphlet, *What Is the Quiet Hour?,* it says meditation "is taking time to think on the things 'that are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report.' " Dr. Charles Allen writes tht it is no accident that the words "meditation" and "medication" are so similar in sound and spelling. He says that right meditation is medication.

The Bible says, "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) It's so hard to be still, isn't it? We want to be doing things all the time. Phillips Brooks, who is best known for the Christmas hymn, *O Little Town of Bethlehem,* has some important things to say about this matter. He says, "There is such an unreasoning passion for activity. We know no more of the real depth of our own lives than a child who crosses a frozen lake knows how deep the lake is. He does not even know that it has a depth. It seems all surface. But before our life can get depth into it, it must get God into it. God is the only power that deepens our lives."

Christian Endeavor can become stronger in 1983 if we as Christian Endeavors are willing to be still and have our times of meditation.

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.
There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our
Saviour meet,
Near to the heart of God.
There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Chorus

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

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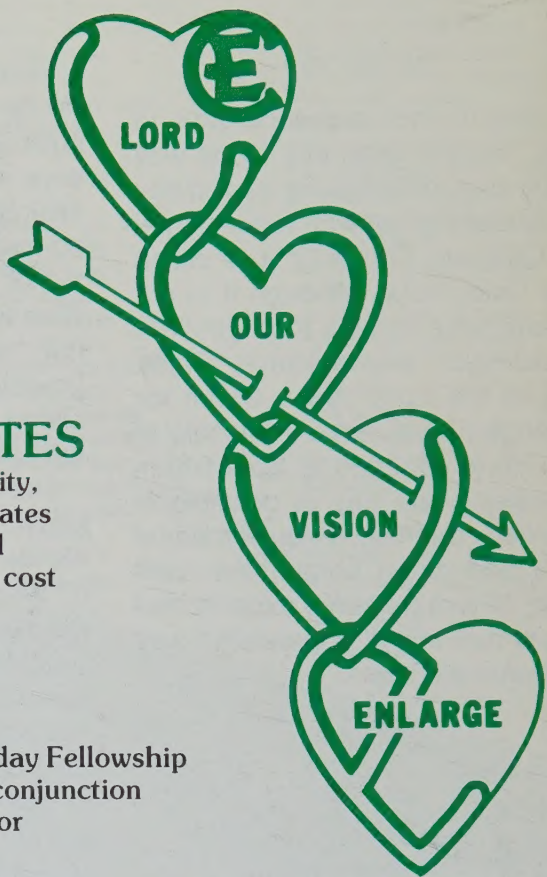
SEATTLE 83

The 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983. The convention theme is *Lord Our Vision Enlarge.* Seattle is located on the shores of Puget Sound with the Olympic Mountains to the west and the Cascade range to the east. Sight-seeing in the area includes Mt. Ranier, Washington's tallest mountain at 14,410 feet; Pioneer Square, with its quaint shops and art galleries; the Kingdome, the west's first multipurpose domed stadium; and rising from the midst of it all, the Space Needle, standing 600 feet tall.



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The International Society of Christian Endeavor will conduct a 12-day Fellowship Train Tour June 30-July 11 from Chicago to Seattle to Chicago in conjunction with the convention. For full information write to Christian Endeavor headquarters, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, OH 43216.

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